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HUBBARD WRITES TO LA COURT

LOS ANGELES -- A fully authenticated, handwritten letter from best-selling author and Dianetics and Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard, bearing a set of his fingerprints and dated February 3, 1983, has been received by a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge who immediately ordered that it be part of the official court records, the Church of Scientology announced today.

Church president Rev. Heber Jentzsch, who was also sent an authenticated copy of the letter, said the letter reaffirms Hubbard's ownership of documents now being held by the court and asked the judge to expedite their return to the church which had been holding them in safekeeping.

Jentzsch said the letter "not only catagorically settles any question of Mr. Hubbard's ownership of these documents, but

testifies decisively to the current, excellent state of his well being and to his continuing, vitally active and penetrating grasp of the whole immensely diverse range of his activities and interests."

Authenticity of the two-page letter was conclusively established by renowned experts using three different methods.

Los Angeles handwriting and fingerprint expert Howard C. Doulder submitted a sworn affidavit attesting that the script and prints were Hubbard's.

Internationally recognized forensic expert Richard L. Brunelle used a sophisticated timed-ink identification technique employed by U.S. government agencies to swear that the letter was written after February 2, 1983. In his affidavit, Brunelle stated that he had prepared a unique formulation of ink not available anywhere in the world and had placed it in a ballpoint pen cartridge on February 2. Brunelle stated the ink used by Hubbard was that same ink. "Accordingly," he stated, "I have conclusively determined that the writing referred to in this document had to be written on or subsequent to February 2, 1983."

Jentzsch said Hubbard's letter to the Hon. Judge John L. Cole will expedite a law suit brought by the church against former church filing clerk Gerald Armstrong charging him with illegally taking documents and records belonging to the church, including personal letters and memorabilia of Hubbard.

Armstrong was compelled by judicial order to return the documents to the care of the court at the request of the Church of Scientology, Jentzsch added.

In his handwritten letter to the Hon. Judge Cole, Hubbard noted the court had impounded the records and said, "Some years ago I loaned to the Church of Scientology many of my personal papers and entrusted them with the safe custody of these. Many documents were held by me but due to the fact that my writing and research over the past several years has precluded my establishment of any permanent residence," Hubbard wrote, "I was too short of space in my baggage to retain them and entrusted my personal papers and such to the Church of Scientology for safekeeping and storage."

Hubbard stated, "I hope I have set the record straight and would sincerely appreciate your assistance in assuring that my belongings are returned to the church or their legal representatives."

Jentzsch stated that Hubbard had written to at least one other court discussing his newest novel "Battlefield Earth" and its musical sound track "Space Jazz" and his business and personal affairs. Jentzsch declined to identify the court but stated that the second letter from the writer-philosopher "substantially expands Hubbard's views on a number of timely matters and affairs."

The Hon. Judge Cole ordered the first letter to be filed with the affidavits from the experts and made available to the public "but only in the presence of a deputy county clerk."

Jentzsch said the letter "proves again how deceitful a few people have become, tantalizing the media with invented, hair-raising stories in order to momentarily see their names in the press. It is a lesson to us all that these people could tell The Big Lie and have it embraced by the media unquestioningly, as if it were the truth.

"The truth is," Jentzsch said, "Hubbard is not only well but again on the best-seller list."

Hubbard's "Battlefield Earth" has appeared in the top ten best sellers. The book is the biggest science fiction novel ever published and was written by Hubbard to celebrate his golden anniversary as a writer.

According to Jentzsch, Hubbard is finishing a sequel which will be published in ten volumes in 1984. The novel is 1.4 million words long or the equivalent of about 21 average sized novels.

"He is writing more than ever," Jentzsch said.

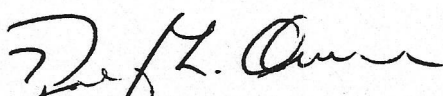
Hubbard also produced a musical album two months ago -- "Space Jazz" -- writing most of the songs and lyrics for the computer-based music.

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DATE OF AUGUST 8, 1948.


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